

**Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Replacement of the Carmine Liberta Bridge on NYS Rt. 299 Over the Wallkill - Capital Project No. 458 - Department Of Public Works**

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Greene, Litts, Loughran, and Maloney), and The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro)

Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, Dean J. Fabiano, and Deputy Chairman Peter M. Loughran offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been offered by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Carmine Liberta Bridge Replacement Project (hereinafter the "Project") will replace the existing bridge on NYS Rt. 299 over the Wallkill River in New Paltz with a modern truss bridge that includes provisions for pedestrians and cyclists, provide for a temporary bridge to carry traffic during construction, and replace the Village of New Paltz water line on the new bridge when completed; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster (hereinafter the "County") established a Citizens Advisory Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") consisting of stakeholders from the New Paltz community; and

WHEREAS, the Committee sought comments from the public in order to assist it in making decisions regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reached out to the applicable federal and state agencies identified as having jurisdiction associated with approvals necessary for the Project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 478 of 2015 adopted on December 15, 2015 (hereinafter "Resolution No. 478"), the Ulster County Legislature established Capital Project 458; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 478 the Ulster County Legislature declared its intent to serve as lead agency for the Project pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(3) of the Regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature shall be the Lead Agency under SEQRA for this Project because an unchallenged thirty (30) day period following the transmittal of the Notice of Intent, the EAF and accompanying documentation to all interested agencies has concluded; and

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WHEREAS, as part of the project approval process the County has completed an expanded Environmental Evaluation of Impacts and Negative Declaration that includes an analysis of impacts to historic and archeological sites, wetlands and water bodies, threatened or endangered species, traffic, and other environmental considerations as required under 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, such evaluation of impacts and negative declaration has been filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and made available to members of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County has addressed all SEQRA issues as identified, considered and examined by the Involved and Interested Agencies and members of the public in conducting the environmental review and in so doing, has taken a hard look at said areas and made a determination of non-significance under SEQRA (“Negative Declaration”), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution and made a part hereof; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 et seq. of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State (SEQRA), the Ulster County Legislature hereby adopts and issues the Negative Declaration under SEQRA for the Replacement of the Crime Liberta Bridge upon the vote thereupon and the signature of the Ulster County Legislature Chairman herewith; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Clerk of the Legislature shall file this Resolution and accompanying Negative Declaration with the Involved and Interested Agencies as enumerated in the Negative Declaration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Negative Declaration shall constitute the SEQRA Decision of approval for the construction of a new bridge to replace the existing Carmine Liberta Bridge in New Paltz and all of the actions associated with such project, together with all plans and documents associated therewith,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE